

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) An orthopedic aid which is used for walking and
2 which provides ~~providing~~ a supporting function for ~~compensating a permanent~~
3 ~~or temporary weakness of the human body, comprising:~~
4 ~~having two parts (15, 16) which are movable relative to one another;~~
5 ~~and a locking device for locking the two parts (15, 16) in an extended a~~
6 ~~predetermined relative position for walking which establishes a position of use~~
7 ~~in which load is placed on the aid and for unlocking the two parts (15, 16) in~~
8 ~~order to permit movement of the two parts (15, 16) with respect to one~~
9 ~~another;~~
10 means for detecting locking or unlocking of said locking device; and
11 ~~, wherein a signaling arrangement (36, 40, 41, 42) is provided which~~
12 ~~emits a particular indicator signal or warning signal, responsive to said means~~
13 ~~for detecting the locking or unlocking of the device, for alerting a user of the~~
14 ~~orthopedic aid to a locking state or upon unlocking of the locking device.~~

1 2. (Canceled) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one
2 detection arrangement (30, 31) is provided for detecting the locking state of
3 the two parts (15, 16) and for emitting a signal indicating the locking state.

1 3. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the signaling arrangement emits ~~(36, 40, 41, 42) is designed to emit~~ a signal
3 upon unlocking.

1 4. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 said signaling arrangement provides a ~~the~~ signal which is visual, acoustic,
3 tactile and/or mechanical.

1 5. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 said means for detecting includes a detection arrangement ~~(30, 31)~~ is designed
3 to generate the signal electrically as a function of the locking state.

1 6. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the locking device has a movable locking pin ~~(25)~~ whose position is ~~can be~~
3 detected by the means for detecting ~~detection arrangement (30, 31)~~.

1 7. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the locking device is ~~designed to be~~ actuated electromechanically to permit
3 unlocking.

1 8. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 6, wherein
2 the movable locking pin ~~(25)~~ is arranged such that it can be drawn into a
3 magnet coil ~~(28)~~ to permit unlocking.

1 9. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 5, wherein
2 the detection arrangement ~~(30, 31)~~ is designed for electrical scanning of a
3 position of the locking pin.

1 10. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, ~~designed~~
2 ~~as an orthotic joint in which the parts (15, 16) of a joint (6) can be locked in an~~
3 ~~extended position, wherein~~ further comprising an electromagnetic actuating
4 arrangement ~~(28)~~ with a low actuating force of not more than 2 N ~~is provided,~~
5 ~~and wherein the~~ locking device, when joint (6) in the extended position, has a
6 slight play, allowing a freedom of movement of the locking mechanism in the

7 loading ~~of the joint (6)~~ pertaining to the extended position, whereas, in the
8 event of a load exerting a turning moment on the locking device, the locking
9 device of the joint (6), the locking mechanism cannot be unlocked by the
10 actuating arrangement ~~(28)~~ on account of frictional forces.

1 11. (Previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the locking device is actuated by wireless transmission of an actuating signal.

3 12. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11, wherein
4 an actuating signal for wireless transmission of a command signal is ~~can be~~
5 triggered on a handgrip ~~(12)~~ of a walking aid ~~(10)~~.

1 13. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11, wherein
2 the signal of the signaling arrangement is ~~(36, 40, 41, 42) can be~~ sent by
3 wireless transmission to a ~~the~~ walking aid ~~(10)~~.

1 14. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 the walking aid ~~(10)~~ has a visual and/or acoustic signal display arrangement.

1 15. (Currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 a handgrip ~~(12)~~ of the walking aid ~~(10)~~ is provided with a vibrator that can be
3 actuated by the signal of the signaling arrangement ~~(36, 40, 41, 42)~~.